

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A scaffolding system comprising:  
  
a plurality of vertical posts;  
  
one or more traveler devices attached to and engaging one or more of the plurality of vertical posts;  
  
a platform mounted to the traveler devices.
2. A scaffolding system according to claim 1, wherein each traveler device comprises a gear and the vertical post comprises a complementary track, wherein rotation of the gear moves the traveler device along the vertical post.
3. A scaffolding system according to claim 1, wherein a traveler device comprises a drive gear configured for receiving a driver and meshing with a second gear engaging a complementary track on the vertical post, wherein rotation of the drive gear moves the traveler device along the vertical post.
4. A scaffolding system according to claim 3, wherein the traveler device comprises a driver engagement adapted to be operated with a tool.
5. A scaffolding system according to claim 3, wherein the drive gear comprises a worm gear.
6. A scaffolding system according to claim 1, further comprising a brake device.
7. A support apparatus, comprising:  
  
a vertical post having a track;  
  
a traveler device mounting to the post and having a first gear engaging the track, wherein rotation of the gear moves the traveler device along the post;  
  
a support member attached to the traveler device.

8. A support apparatus according to claim 7, wherein each traveler device comprises a drive gear engaging the first gear.
9. A support apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the drive gear comprises a driver engagement portion for engagement by an actuator tool.
10. A support apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a brake device.
11. A support apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the brake device comprises a foot operated brake device.
12. A support system for scaffolding, comprising:
  - a plurality of vertical posts;
  - one or more traveler devices mounted to one or more of the plurality of vertical posts and moving up and down the vertical posts;
  - a support member adapted for supporting scaffolding on the traveler device.
13. A support system according to claim 12, wherein the traveler device comprises an input gear and drive gear.
14. A support system according to claim 13, wherein the input gear includes an engagement portion at an input positioned to receive a driver at an oblique angle to vertical.
15. A support system according to claim 13, further comprising a foot operated brake device.
17. A support system according to claim 13, wherein the traveler device further comprises spacer rollers engaging the vertical post.
18. A support system for scaffolding, comprising:
  - two vertical posts, each of the vertical posts comprising a toothed track;

a traveler device mounted to each of the vertical posts and moving up and down the vertical posts, the traveler device comprising a worm gear driving a sprocket gear engaging the toothed track of the vertical post, wherein rotation of the worm gear drives the sprocket and moves the traveler device along the vertical post;

a foot operated brake device; and

a support member attached to each traveler device and supporting a platform assembly.